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**Attention: Vendors of Continuous Refrigerant Level Monitoring and/or Leak Detection Equipment**

The Environmental Technology Verification (ETV) Program, in existence since 1995, is administered by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Research and Development. It is funded by Congress in response to the belief that there are many viable environmental technologies available that are underutilized due to the lack of credible third-party performance testing. Southern Research Institute operates one of 12 ETV Verification Organizations, the Greenhouse Gas Technology Verification Center (GHG Center), in partnership with the U.S. EPA's Air Pollution Prevention and Control Division. The mission of the Center is to provide independent third-party performance verification to vendors and others that need reliable performance information on commercially available greenhouse gas mitigation technologies and emission monitoring devices.

The GHG Center is currently accepting applications from candidates wishing to submit technologies for performance testing. Vendors or others with technologies that fit the following category are welcomed to apply for independent third-party verification testing: Continuous Refrigerant Level Monitoring and/or Refrigerant Leak Detection Equipment. Performance parameters to be verified include refrigerant loss detection sensitivity, estimated refrigerant savings, estimated energy savings, system cost, and cost savings.

Vendors are required to provide access to a facility where their technology is being utilized for the duration of the test. Vendors are also required to offset verification testing costs through 50 percent cost sharing. Vendors with commercial technologies in this category wishing to participate in these tests should complete and submit a test application on the Center's Web site: [www.sri-rtp.com](http://www.sri-rtp.com) or contact Linda Beard at 919-806-3456.